

Climate Prediction Center's Hispaniola Hazards Outlook December 11 – December 17, 2014

Suppressed rains observed across Hispaniola during the past week.



During the first week in December, a seasonable distribution of rainfall was received throughout Hispaniola. The highest weekly total precipitation amounts (>50mm) were registered in the Nord department of northern Haiti, with more moderate, well-distributed amounts (10-25mm) across the southern departments. To the east, lesser amounts were received throughout the Dominican Republic. Since the beginning of November, both short-term and long-term moisture deficits, which have adversely affected ground conditions, have been greatly mitigated due to the significant increase in rains during the last month. As a result, satellite estimated vegetation health conditions suggest dry parts of southern and northern Haiti have experienced much improvement. As seasonal rainfall typically experiences a minimum in December, precipitation forecast suggests light to locally moderate rainfall during the upcoming outlook period.